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COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in response to a letter dated January 30, 1970, of the Honorable Frank Sanders, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, concerning the use of appropriated funds to provide space for the parking of the vehicles of personnel in leased buildings. Such use of appropriated funds is contemplated in connection with the necessary relocation of a number of Navy Department activities, from the Main Navy and Munitions Buildings, Washington, D. C., to privately owned buildings located in Arlington County, Virginia, adjacent to the District of Columbia.

The question presented, of providing for personnel parking in a leased building, is essentially that considered in a recent decision of February 9, 1970, to the Secretary of Transportation (B-168096). As in that case, there is here involved the leasing authority of the Administrator of General Services under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 471, 490(h) (1)), and the Reorganization Plan No. 18 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1270; 40 U.S.C. 490 note). The position taken in that case is considered to be generally applicable herein.

Accordingly, you are advised that if a determination is made that the situation with respect to any of the leased buildings warrants the procurement of space for personnel parking (see, generally, Executive Order No. 11035, July 9, 1962, setting forth the guiding policies for the management of federally owned and leased office space, and more particularly GSA Order PBS 7030.2B, April 18, 1968, promulgating criteria for the planning and allocating of parking facilities), we perceive no objection to the use for that purpose of the appropriations of the Department of the Navy as shall otherwise be used to reimburse the General Services Administration for leased space.

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A copy of this opinion is being forwarded to the Administrator
of General Services.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable
The Secretary of the Navy